Dear Jerry,

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In your 8th and 9th you repeat that you can't be a Hoosier because you were not born in Indiana. How come you say Georgia-pie is when he comes from Carolina? You will find that you have been a mark. Including for Mark.

You never listen to anything other than what you dream of but I do advise you to tell JB what you told me about Freed acting for Lane in Brushy and how close friends they are. JB knows that it is Freed's gang that started the you are Raoul line and had him as co-conspirator. If I did not send him some articles Freed wrote for the Black Panther paper I sent them to Jimmy. He had Jimmy as the killer, regardless of what he may tell you. JB knows about the questions he was asked by them, I think by Jeff Cohen for Freed. I'm telling you I have the article that combo almost got in the Tennessean.

Speaking of Tennessee, I've been meaning to ask you about what you had in your pocket when you were arrested for drunkenness in Memphis right after Jimmy was returned from England. I've heard in the past that they went through your pockets and when they had the stuff, while you were in a cell, made copies. One thing that seems to have turned them on is a Baltimore phone number.

I'm glad to know that Lane has become a religious man. Nobody needs it more. You keep on saying that he wouldn't take any money just because he Hoosier's you that way. And you think he is the one who arranged for the BBC show. You say that anyway. Well you are wrong on all counts. As you are in saying that the woman travelling with Lane is his wife. Makes no difference to me but the last wife he had that I heard of, the one who had his kids, is in Europe, and is having a rough time.

Now the BBC show was the idea of someone else. The three of them were here the day they got to this country. It took me until early the next morning to talk them out of the idea that Jimmy was the shooter. Believe me or not. I've not seen them since but I have heard that Lane refused to let them see Jimmy until he got $2,000 in hand - not just a promise- from them. This is how he takes no money. The one who told me is in a position to know. He is connected with that crew but I've forgotten what capacity.

But if he and Freed come up with a blockbuster in a month, as you say, I think not for the first time, well, there has to be a first. They are long overdue. I hope this time it is true.

I think he has a loser in suing for the raw material of the polygraph tests. I think it is asking for more trouble that he and Hershaw made possible already. But you people never learn. As I've said before, you repeat the same mistakes.

And if you know more than you've said, that makes it look like you were in the Raoul role, which I don't believe. But if you do I can wait until it comes out. I won't hold my breath until then, though.

I read you loud and clear in all that patter about Panama: you are going to tell the House assassins that Panama killed King. Using the FBI, as Mark says.

I've heard the Lane/Flynt story that he was shot because of the Freep edition. Nonsense. What was not b.s. in it Lane stole from others, mostly my work. Nothing new in it. So why should anyone want to hurt Flynt over that? He can be nuts enough to believe it but Lane knows better. Only he figures he can get attention with it so he says it.

What you say about Rosenson this time makes a little sense-for the first time. As I understood you Jimmy never met him but he had let the third party use the car in New Orleans. (This would have had to have been when Jimmy was going to Mexico in the fall of 1967.) I can understand that Jimmy could have seen him in New Orleans without having had anything to do with him. What I don't understand is how that card did not show up in the inventory of Jimmy's property. To say nothing of his not telling his defense anything about it.

Sorry you don't have any of Hershaw's T-shirts. They never got to be a hot item. No, you did not send me any "Raoul" record. Here is the clipping back.

You mentioned news stories on JB and the committee. I suppose that in time he'll have a collection of them. I'd appreciate being able to read copies of them. He'll have an idea of whatever theory they are working on. I'd like to know if my suspicion is right.

While I don't expect any of the things to go the way you expect them to, I hope for all of you that they do and I'm glad John is going to be paroled. Sincerely,